

**Whereas**, it is with tremendous admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge recent notable contributions of Battlefield Fire Protection District personnel to the city of Battlefield, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, on May 4, 2003, after severe weather struck the southwestern portion of the Show-Me State, volunteer firefighter David Johnson helped to lead his hometown in the fastest tornado cleanup in the state by involving himself in the street-by-street and house-by-house search immediately after the tornado passed through; and

**Whereas**, in addition to destroying forty-six homes and damaging another one hundred twenty-five, Sunday's tornado wrecked Battlefield's fire and police stations, necessitating the use of First Baptist Church facilities as a command post for the Greene County Sheriff's Department; and

**Whereas**, Battlefield's brush with severe weather also took its toll in human life when one nearby resident was killed by a falling tree while she made her way to a storm cellar outside of her home along Greene County 115; and

**Whereas**, because of the storm's widespread destruction, the American Red Cross found its relief resources to be stretched quite thin and had to delay the normal distribution of food, clothing, and vouchers for such necessities as shelter; and

**Whereas**, volunteer firefighter David Johnson was involved in difficult work which he accomplished with considerable skill, wholehearted enthusiasm, and exceptional empathy for all of those affected by the tornado; and

**Whereas**, the city of Battlefield is named after an important Civil War site now known as Wilson's Creek Battlefield National Park and is home to more than 1,500 residents:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar services and community-minded endeavors engaged in by volunteer firefighter David Johnson down through the years and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt appreciation of his work during and after the May 4, 2003, severe weather which brought considerable devastation to the city of Battlefield in southwest Missouri; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of volunteer firefighter David Johnson of the Battlefield Fire Protection District of Battlefield, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative James Viebrock  
District No. 134

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4113, adopted September 18, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker